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RESUBMISSION OF AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated issued November 3, 2004 as a resubmission of the amendment filed July 28, 2004 in the instant application. No substantive changes are made to the previously filed amendment and that earlier filed amendment is presented herein in its entirety except that the presentation of the claims has been changed.

Please amend the application as follows.

Claim Amendments:

Cancel claim 24 and amend the remaining claims as follows. Claims 2-23 were previously cancelled.

1. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition adapted for delivery to a subject comprising:

- a) an azide derivative of a drug, which drug comprises an amino or hydroxyl moiety, wherein in said azide derivative an azide group occurs at the site of said amino or hydroxyl moiety in place of said moiety, said azide derivative being capable of being converted to said drug in vivo by replacement of said azide group with said amino or hydroxyl moiety of said drug; and
- b) a suitable pharmaceutical carrier,